

Annual city police auction set for Saturday

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Staff Writer

The annual City of Romulus auction will begin at 10 a.m. this Saturday at the new Department of Public Works Yard located at 12600 Wayne Road.

The event, which is more than 20 years old, has become a popular event in Romulus.

"I have people call me from Chicago and New York in July

each year asking me when the auction will be held," said Kathy Hood, inspection technician for the City of Romulus. "It is surprising how many people know about this event."

Each year more than 300 people make their way to the auction to find great deals on a slew of items.

The items for the auction come from different sources within the city itself.

"A lot of the stuff comes from police seizures," said Hood. "Other stuff comes from the city or the schools."

There will be police items, city items, DPW items and the Romulus schools items. The list grows each day as last minute items are collected. Bicycles, computers, printers, mowers, trailers and the most sought after item, cars, will be sold.

"The cars are really big sellers

each year," said Hood. "A lot of people like the old police cars. We have one guy that uses them for his taxi service."

This year the cars for auction will be a 1992 GMC ½ Pickup, 1986 GMC 5-Yard single Axle Dump, 1988 GMC Cargo Van, 1994 Pont Bond, two 1996 Crown Victorias, 1997 Crown Victoria, 1998 Crown Victoria and two 1994 Sonoma pickups.

The auction is a way for the

city to turn items into cash. The money collected for the auctioned items is placed directly back into department accounts.

The preview for the auction will begin at 8 a.m. Items purchased need to be paid for the day of the auction and preferably removed the same day. Lists of items to be auctioned will be available on site.

For more information contact Hood at (734) 955-8741.

Mayor schedules first coffee session

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Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert will begin his "Live With Lambert Coffee Sessions" next month.

The first session, scheduled from 5 until 7 p.m. at the Whistle Stop in downtown Romulus on Nov. 7. Lambert said he will speak with residents on any issue over a cup of coffee during the sessions.

"I am looking forward to meeting with our citizens regarding issues that are important to them," said Lambert. "By spending these extra house with the public, I can continue to provide improved services for our residents."

Whistle Stop owners Dave and Shelly Gibb were excited to have their new restaurant chosen as the site of this first mayoral coffee session.

"We were really happy when they called and asked us," Shelly Gibb said.

The Whistle Stop aims to serve all customers and that is an important point to make for the Gibbs.

"We want the community to realize that this is new owner-

ship and that everyone in this community is welcome in our restaurant," said Shelly Gibb. "I know there were some problems with the place here before, but we are very different than that place."

The Gibbs are enjoying their first adventure in the restaurant business and are even looking to move to Romulus from Southgate in the near future.

The newly-renovated restaurant opened Sept. 17.

We have been really happy with the turnout we have received," said Shelly Gibb. "Everyone has been real supportive."

Dave Gibb, who has worked as a carpenter his entire life, developed the idea to open a restaurant last year while remodeling a few restaurants. The idea seemed perfect considering the fact that his wife had always worked in the food industry.

"We want people to come in here and have a good time with some good food," said Shelly Gibb. "We want people to be able to talk with each other and become part of our family."

"Oh yeah, we have people that come in here three times a day," said Dave Gibb.



Happy haunting

This unusual Halloween display, located at 10534 Jackson St. in Van Buren Township, has been a growing labor of love for the Clemens family. The display has grown and expanded for the past 20 years. Nichole Clemens, 14, sits next to one of the zombies she helped create with her mother and grandmother. Many items on display are handmade by the Clemens family.



34th District Court Judge, Tina Brooks Green is now a first-degree black belt in Choi Kwang-Do after three years of training in Belleville.

Martial law Local judge wins first degree black belt

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Add a new accolade to the resume of Tina Brooks Green, the chief judge at the 34th District Court, which serves the cities of Belleville and Romulus and the townships of Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren. In August, she successfully completed the necessary training and

testing to achieve her first-degree black belt in Choi Kwang-Do.

"It has been a lot of fun and a lot of hard work," said Green. "It is something that I am proud of accomplishing."

It all started when her son began taking lessons at Choi Kwang-Do in Belleville.

"For the first three or four months, I just sat in the lobby

while he had class," she said. "Then I decided if I am going to be here I might as well do something."

And so she began taking classes under the owner/chief instructor Scott Greca.

This unique martial arts system was introduced in 1987 by Grandmaster Kwang Jo Choi and

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD OCTOBER 6, 2003
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL,
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CHIA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova, to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-406

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 22, 2003, as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - Miller, Romak. Motion Carried.

03-407

3A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the request from D&G Builders PC-2003-027, and with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to amend the zoning map of the City of Romulus by rezoning 5.66 acres of land on the north side of Ecorse Road between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads, from R1B (single family residential) to M-1 (light industrial), DP#82-80-004-02-0813-000 for the purpose of constructing a light industrial/warehouse facility.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth, Nays - None. Abstain- Miller. Motion Carried.

03-408

3A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Metro World Centre Planned Development Area PC-2002-027c and amend the zoning map of the City of Romulus, by designating approximately 556 acres of land on the west side of Vining Road between I-94 and Ecorse Road as a PDA. DP#'s 82-80-033-99-0001-700, 82-80-033-99-0002-000, 82-80-033-99-0003-700, 80-82-033-99-0004-000, 8280-033-99-0005-000, 82-80-033-99-0006-703, 82-80-033-99-0012-000, 82-80-034-99-0004-000, 82-80-034-99-0005-701, 82-80-034-99-0006-000, 82-80-034-99-0007-000, 82-80-035-99-0003-000, 82-80-035-99-0006-701, 82-80-035-99-0007-000, 82-80-036-99-0001-000, 82-80-036-99-0002-000, 82-80-036-99-0003-701, 82-80-036-99-0004-701, 82-80-036-99-0005-701, 82-80-036-99-0006-700, 82-80-036-99-0007-704, 82-80-036-99-0007-707, 8280-061-99-0001-703, 82-80-061-99-0002-000, 82-80-061-99-0003-701, 82-80-061-99-0004-000, and to approve the revised Metro World Planned Development Agreement submitted on September 12, 2003 and the amendment dated September 22, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-409

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Confidentiality Agreement for the purpose of proceeding with negotiations on property acquisition.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - Miller, Romak. Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-410

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve the FY 2002/2003 Encumbrance listing computed by new HTE System, as provided by the Finance Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-411

5B. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the City Assessor and authorize the administration to proceed with the State of Michigan grant application process for the purpose of contracting with a third party vendor to perform personal property audits and train local employees.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-412

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-11.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Federal Law Enforcement				
Fund				
Expenditures:				
267-3710-737.80-10	Capital Outlay	0	40,000	40,000

FUND BALANCE	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE
Federal Law Enforcement Fund	83,608	40,000	43,608
To appropriate additional funds for the purchase of two replacement undercover vehicles.			

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-413

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-12.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Federal Law Enforcement				
Fund				
Expenditures:				
267-3710-737.73.05	Operating Supplies	0	5,000	5,000

Fund Balance	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE
Federal Law Enforcement Fund	43,608	5,000	38,608
To appropriate additional funds for the purchase of new non-lethal weapons.			

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-414

5E. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-13.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund:				
Revenues:				
101-0000-410.68-21	Reimbursements	50,000	1,974	51,974
Expenditures:				
1014130-741.74-73	Building & Grounds Building Maintenance	90,000	1,974	91,974

To recognize the reimbursement and the expenditures for the repairs made to the DPW garage less the deductible from the Michigan Municipal Liability Property Pool.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-415

5F. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-15.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	Current Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
Department of Public Safety			
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
101-3110-731.73-08 Operating Supplies-Explorers	585	1,295	1,880
<u>Revenues:</u>			
101-3110-511.69-62 Other Revenue-Donations Explorers	0	1,295	1,295

To recognize revenues and expenditures for donations received from the Knopf Corporation for conducting tobacco compliance checks within the City.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova; Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-416

5G. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to concur with the recommendation of Public Safety Director, Charles Kirby and Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway to award Bid 03/04-15 Micon CD Air Purifier to the only bidder, Air Technology, at a total bid price of \$2,170.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5H. *Item Deleted.

03-417

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 03/04-14 introduced at the meeting held September 8, 2003, to appropriate additional funds for the purchase of 61 bullet proof vests.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-418

6A2. Motion by Miller, supported by Prybyla to schedule a public hearing on Demolition List 03-02 on November 3, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chamber, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, for the purpose of reviewing the demolition of structures and removal of debris at the following locations:

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1.

35775 Goddard, (one story commercial building)
2.

Hunt Street, DP#020 010290 000, (trailer)
3.

14566 Inkster, (single family residence with attached garage)

Will of iron

Weight class inspires both coach and student

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Romulus High School physical education teacher Norbert Glover is upbeat these days, as is his student Bradley Bills.

The pair has found a way to help one another.

Bradley, who has a rare disease called Ataxia-Telangiectasia (A-T), has the job of inspiring Glover and Glover helps Bills build his self-esteem and some muscle at the same time.

Bills, a normal 16-year-old high school student, was diagnosed eight years ago with A-T. This is a normally debilitating disease, but Bradley is out to prove the doctors wrong and he is gaining support from friends and teachers everyday, according to his mom, Denise.

A-T is a degenerative disease that is usually diagnosed within the first five years of life, but the wait was much longer for Bradley.

Ataxia, the first part of the disease, is a progressive degeneration of the cerebellum in the brain. This is the part of the brain that tells the rest of the body what to do. For instance, if a person wants to move their right leg, that trigger goes through the cerebellum before the leg actually moves.

The Telangiectasia portion of the disease is the appearance of the red lines or red spider veins in the eyes.

Bills has been beating the odds for years now, so it is nothing new to his mother. While most young people with the disease are completely confined to a wheelchair, Bills is always out of his wheelchair doing things like raking leaves or just walking around with assistance.

For this reason, his mother was not surprised at all when



Romulus High School Physical Education teacher, Norbert Glover, left, with one of his star pupils, Bradley Bills, in his weight lifting class.

nothing this severe," said Glover. "Bradley is a true reality check for all of us."

Glover said he was amazed at the effort Bills put forward

for his incredible determination.

"He has a support system that is unbelievable," he said. "She doesn't make excuses for him and that means a lot to Bradley."

His mother said she has never believed in giving him excuses. She has always tried to allow Bills to try new things and experience what every child experiences.

"I always involved Bradley in everything the we did," she said. "He is determined, because he was taught to be."

Bills still needs help doing certain tasks. Through a one-on-one aide, Virginia Guidon attends classes with him each day. Guidon has been his aide since he was in the fifth grade, but she understands that Bills is independent.

"She knows that Bradley likes to do things on his own," said Denise Bills. "She is there just in case he needs help."

One thing Bills doesn't need help with is his studies. He is a

member of the Romulus High School Honor Roll.

Bradley is inspiring to his classmates, who according to Glover, have become very protective of him and proud of him as well. Just the other day in class, Bills accomplished six pull-ups and received a standing ovation from his classmates.

"The class has helped a lot with his self-esteem and he is so strong it is amazing," said Denise Bills. "It has been very positive for him."

Glover also sees the good this class has done for Bills, as well as the good Bills has done for this class.

"Bradley has a dream of walking one day," said Glover. "I believe that is a dream he is going to get. I have learned so much from him, the way he perseveres and never complains about anything. We sprain our ankle and complain for two weeks, but not Bradley. That is inspiring to me."

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Denise Bills

they received the class offerings this year and Bills registered for weight lifting.

"We have always taught him to try everything," said his Denise Bills. "It is OK if you can't do it, but at least try it."

Bills took the advice and signed up for the class. At first he was very timid and unsure of what he could do, but he soon found his place and is now excelling.

Glover was also unsure when he saw that Bills had signed up for the class.

"I have had kids with disabilities in my class before, but

in class and was even more amazed at the progress he has made in a short time.

"Every ounce of his being is in what he does in this class," said Glover. "He is trying so hard to better himself. He makes his condition look like something that is easy to overcome, because he is so determined."

Everyday for 40 minutes Bills works on the weights trying to increase his strength and stamina. He doesn't even take the one day off a week that Glover gives his students.

Norbert credits Bills' mom

Judge: Believes in sport

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now has students in more than 40 countries.

Choi Kwang-Do offers cardiovascular exercise, increased stamina, weight reduction, flexibility, agility, stress reduction and practical self-defense, Green said. The art encourages achievement of individual goals and Greca said he believes his role as an instructor is to serve as a mentor, guiding students as they establish and achieve their own personal goals.

There are three aims during training: To develop the hands, fists and body into a strong weapon; to enhance the overall condition of the practitioner and to develop the character and enhance that person's personality. To qualify for a black belt a successful candidate must be proficient in all three areas.

"I have worked extremely hard to achieve this distinction and I'm pleased with my accomplishment," said Green.

Green is able to meet force

with force and handily breaks boards with her hands and feet. She said she believes the instruction has enhanced her meditation and concentration skills while giving her some degree of self-assuredness.

To make the accomplishment even sweeter is the fact that her son, Joshua, also received his black belt at the same time.

"It was fun to test together," said Green. "And now we are both black belts."

Green also points out that it is much more than the physical activity alone. She believes that it

is a great discipline that teaches students many things about life in general.

"It really does teach respect," said Green. "Respect for yourself and respect for others and it requires great discipline which is a good quality to possess."

Simply being a student of Choi Kwang-Do wasn't enough for Green. She is now also a part-time volunteer at the studio, in addition to her workouts two to three times a week.

It has been a lot of fun and a lot of hard work.

Judge Tina Green



The volunteers in the "A Few Good Men" program include, front row, left to right, Rod Williams, Raymond Smith II, Wasi Sebin, John Barden, George Stubbs, the Rev. Ernest Garrison, Michael Link and Wade Cook. In the second row are James Bragg, James Carter, Kevin Warren, Aaron Barbara, Edmon Martin, Fritz Ditsch, Starlyn Carter, Glenn Hensley and Herb Buckley. In the third row are mentor volunteers Orlando Page, Biron Paisley Sr., Nick Curry, Andrew Wells Jr., Malcom Rachal, Ted Harris, Joe Little, Bruse Raczynski, Nahrah Noel, Eric Talley Sr., Cody Barnes, Shannon Bratcher and Damond Melshor.

Men staff new school mentor program

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Cory Elementary School has developed a new program that is aimed to help both students and parents.

The school's "A Few Good Men" mentoring program will have more than 30 fathers, grandfathers and student supporters coming into the school to mentor students on a weekly basis.

The program, devised by parent coordinators the Rev. Rita Talley and Janice Barden, social

worker Sally Berger and intervention room specialist, Wade Cook is a way to encourage Cory students with their studies. They also wanted students to have positive contacts with male role models. The mentors will be available to discuss all aspects of student life at Cory. Volunteers will be on hand at all times of the day for students.

Principal Phyllis Adkins was very impressed with the large number of volunteers

"These men have volunteered to donate at least 30 minutes of their time weekly to help point

the children of Cory in the right direction," said Adkins. "This is certainly a wonderful commitment on the part of the mentors and a sign of the strong community support we receive from the Cory community."

The mentors, many of whom are graduates of the Romulus School District said they look forward to making a difference in the lives of children at Cory Elementary.

"I have a son that is in kindergarten and I really want to be involved," said Herb Buckley, one of the volunteers.

OBITUARIES

WAGATHA, Nancy J.
Nancy J. Wagatha, 72, of Belleville, formerly of Canton Township, died Oct. 6.
Among her survivors are her daughter Mary Bleecker of Canton; her son, Leo (Jane) Wagatha Jr. of Brownstown Township; a sister, Patricia H. Riley; a brother, David J. Riley, and grandchildren John Bleeker IV, Laura Bleecker, Eric Bleecker, Sarah Bleecker and Kate Wagatha.
Funeral services were at St. Anthony Catholic Church, where Mrs. Wagatha was a member, with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.
Interment was at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.
Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

BRISENO, Mary T.
Mary T. Briseno, 54, of Lincoln Park, died Oct. 9.
Among her survivors are her husband, Hector Basquez; children, David Briseno and Danielle Fransisco; grandchildren, Gabrielle and Steven Fransisco; sisters, Oralia, Rebeca, Amalia, Gloria and Josephina, and brothers, Armando, Rogelio and Gilberto.
Funeral services were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.
Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

MORIOKA, Helen M.
Helen M. Morioka, 81, of Belleville, died Oct. 13.

Among her survivors areis her husband, George; her children, Patricia (Kelly) Winton, Eugene (Sue) Lask, Laura (Edward) Vennettilli, Donald Lask, Helen (Robert) Miller and Mary (Richard) Bares; 24 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.
Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

UMBARGER, Jerry M.
Jerry Maynard Umbarger, 50, of Belleville, formerly of Dearborn, died Oct. 13.
Among his survivors are his wife, Leah M (Heiman) Umbarger; his children, Matthew Umbarger of Ridgecrest Navy Base in California and Anne Umbarger of West Bloomfield; brothers, Ron (Sherry) Umbarger of of Georgia, Randy (Sherry) Umbarger of Harrison, Chris (Lisa) Wheeler, Scott (Kathy) Wheeler, Patrick (Lisa) Wheeler, all o Leslie, and Rick Wheeler of Otisville; a sister, Victoria (Billy) Parsons, also of Leslie, and a grandson, Alexander Umbarger.
Mr. Umbarger was a member of Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton Township.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

GRASER, Matthew Jay.
Matthew Jay Graser, 22, of Ann Arbor, died Oct. 12.

He is survived by his son, Jay Graser; his parents, Daniel A. (Terri) Graser of Dearborn Heights and Sandra (Sword) Graser of Ann Arbor, sister, Stephanie Graser and a brother, Jacob Graser.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Jonathan K. Bromgren officiating.
Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery.

HIGGINS, Gertrude
Gertrude Higgins, 83, of Belleville, died Oct. 15 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.
Among her survivors are her children, Carol (Claude) Kinsey of Westland and Donald E. (Dee) Higgins of Belleville; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.
Mrs. Higgins lived in Belleville for more than 30 years before moving to Harrison where she lived for 18 years. She was a member of the Blue Star Mothers and the United Brethern Church in Harrison. She

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NOTICE
CITY OF ROMULUS
PUBLIC HEARING - DEMOLITION 03-02

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November, 3, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time, in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, for the purpose of hearing objections to demolition and/or removal of debris on the herein described properties:

- 35775 Goddard (One Story Commercial Building) 20A1 BL5 LOT 1 BLOCK 5 ALSO W½ ADJ VAC ALLEY THE JUNCTION SubBLOCK 5 T3SR9E L17 P34 WCR.
- Hunt Street, DP#020 01 0290 000, (trailer) 05C290 LOT 290 Grand Park Sub T3s R9E L14 P96 WCR.
- 14566 Inkster, (Single Family Residence With Attached Garage) 25A171 Lot 171 ALSO E ½ ADJ VAC ALLEY Taylor RD Sub T3SR9E L50 P54 WCR.
- 7174 Middlebelt (Single Family Residence & Garage) 11A22 23 LOTS 22 AND 23 ECORSE CITY COMMUNITY SUB T3S R9E L 56 P 39 40 WCR.
- 77445 Middlebelt (Single Family Residence & 3 Accessory Structures) 12M8A M67 THAT PART OF THE NW 114 OF SEC 12 Described As Beginning At A Point On The W Line OF Said SECTION Distant South 1468.40 FT From The NW Comer OF SEC 12 And Proceeding TH S 89D 26M E 660.0 FT TH South 66.0 FT TH N 89D 26M W 660.0 FT TO The W Line OF SEC 12 TH North Along Said W Line 66.0 FT TO The POB Except The West 60 FT Thereof 0.91 AC.
- 16137 Oak Tree Lane (Single Family Residence) 36H122 LOT 122 MEAD-OWDALE SUB T3S R9E L93 P78 79 WCR.
- 32230 Pennsylvania (Single Family Residence) 34x2 That Part OF The S E ¼ OF SEC 34 Described As BEG at A Point ON THE S LINE OF Said SEC Distant S 88D 48M 50SEC E 493.62 FT From The S ¼ COR OF SEC 34 And Proceeding TH N OD 37M 15SEC E 2615.37 FT TO The E And W ¼ Line Of SEC 34 TH S 89D 58M 40SEC E Along Said Line 166.47 FT TH S OD 37M 15SEC W 2618.75 FT TO The S Line OF SEC 34 TH N 88D 48M 50SEC W Along Said S Line 166.50 FT TO The POB 10.00 ACRES.
- 29183 Smith (Single Family Residence & Garage) 12N4A1 That PT OF The W ½ OF The SW ¼ OF SEC 12 Desc As BEG At A Point On The E And W¼ Line OF Said SECTION DIST S 89D 26M 30S E 933.0 FT From The W ¼ COR OF SEC 12 And PROC TH S 89D 26M 30S E Along Said Line 57.0 FT TH S OD 06M 30S W 660 FT TH N 89D 26M 30S W 57 FT TH N OD 06M 30S E 660 FT TO The POB EXC That PT Thereof Lying SLY OF A Line DESC AS BEG N 01D 57M 18S W 1244.64 FT And N 71D 36M 03S E 1338.45 FT AND N 18D 23M 57S W 351.69 FT From SW COR OF SEC 12 TH N 73D 56M 10S W 309.34 FT TH N 68D 14M 10S W 436.46 FT TO POB 0.76 ACRE.
- 29225 Smith (Single Family Residence) 11A13 TO 21 Lots 13 TO 21 INCL Ecorse City Community Sub T3S R9E L 56 P 39 40 WCR Split ON 11/14/2000 From 80 044 01 0013 30080 044 01 0018 00080 044 01 0019.
- 35931 Vinewood (Single Family Residence) 05C162 TO 165 Lots 162 TO 165 INCL GRAND PARK SUB T3S R9E L14 P96WCR.
- 6130 Wayne (Vegetable Stand & Garage) 05B1 2A 05J1B PT OF The NE 1/2 OF SEC 5 DESC AS BEG AT A Point Distant N 88D 31M 40S E 1302.98 FT And N OD 41M 50S W 854.41 FT And N OD 49M 30S W 40 FT From The CEN 1/4 Corner OF SEC 5 And Proceeding TH N OD 49M 30S W 290.42 FT TH Due W 1257.60 FT TH N 1D 21M 50S W ALONG THE E LINE OF The CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RR RIGHT OF WAY 160.21 FT TH N 88D 47M 32S E 865.40 FT TH S 87D 59M E 394.08 FT TH N 89D 35M 40S E 669.76 FT TH S 4D 34M 40S W Along The Center Line OF Wayne Rd 459.19 FT TH S 89D 48M 24S W 626.54 FT TO The POB 11.70 ACRES.
- 6859 Wayne (Single Family Residence) 05DD10A That PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SEC 5 DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A Point On The E Line OF Said SECTION DISTANT N OD 19M 33SEC W 795.56 FT From TheseE Comer OF SEC 5 And Proceeding TH N 89D 59M 40SEC W 353.79 FT TH S 88D 26M 50SEC W Along The Center Line OF TROUTON DRAIN 326.49 FT TH N 29D 05M 10SEC W Along The Center Line OF Wayne Rd 140.28 FT TH S 89D 59M 40SEC E 747.70 FT To The E Line Of SEC 5 TH S OD 19M 33SEC E Along Said E Line 113.70 FT To The POB 1.94 ACRES.
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Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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- 7445 Middlebelt, (single family residence & 3 accessory structures)
- 16137 Oak Tree Lane, (single family residence)
- 32230 Pennsylvania, (single family residence)
- 29183 Smith, (single family residence & garage)
- 29225 Smith, (single family residence)
- 35931 Vinewood, (single family residence)
- 6130 Wayne, (vegetable stand & garage)
- 6859 Wayne, (single family residence)
- 16421 Wayne, (single family residence)

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-419

DAN. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova pursuant to initiatory petitions filed by citizens of the City of Romulus and in accordance with Section 8.6 of the Romulus City Charter, a special election shall be held in the City of Romulus, on Tuesday, December 2, 2003 for the purpose of voting on two gaming proposals. The proposal shall appear on the ballot as follows:

Proposal 1

Shall the City of Romulus allow casino gaming within the corporate limits of the City of Romulus, in accordance with the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act 1997 Public Act 69 and/or the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act?

YES _____ NO _____

Proposal 2

Shall the City of Romulus allow horse racing, the attendant pari-mutuel wagering, and other gaming within the corporate limits of the City of Romulus, in accordance with the Horse Racing Law of 1995, 1995 Public Act 279.

YES _____ NO _____

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 22, 2003.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Labor of love

Local women create gifts to warm homeless

Megan Chatham
Staff Writer

While Carol Sharpe works to warm the hands and faces of the homeless and less fortunate, her reward is the warmth in her heart from helping so many in need.

Sharpe, of Westland, has organized a group of volunteers who help her create hundreds of scarves, blankets, and other needed items for the homeless and the underprivileged throughout the Metro Detroit area.

She said she didn't start out to spearhead a charitable organization. Instead, she began the program by donating gently used clothing in plain brown grocery bags decorated with Christmas stamps and marked only with the gender and size the clothes would fit, to area charities. Sharpe said that when her friends and family found out, they became very annoyed with her for leaving them out. Her project of compassion has grown from there.

"Last year, with just family and a few friends we collected 100 gently-used t-shirts," said Sharpe.

From there, Sharpe, who is a member of the American Sewing Guild and an avid seamstress, began to create blankets and scarves for those in need. The idea caught on, and today, Sharpe said she has between 20 and 30 volunteers who work with her year round to make these needed supplies.

Some of the volunteers, including members of the Livonia and Dearborn Sewing guilds, sew or embroider, while others donate money and track down bargains on the sought-after fleece. Sharpe says that the Dearborn firefighters even made a donation to help defray some of the costs.

"I'm accumulating cotton fabric. Fleece has a higher turnover, and we have to buy it," she says.

Creating the clothing is not inexpensive, a realization that recently moved Sharpe to apply for a non-profit organization number. That way, gifts can be considered tax-deductible.

"Last year, I have receipts for \$2,800, and those are the receipts I didn't lose," she said. All told, Sharpe estimates that the program costs about \$3,000 in sup-



Carol Sharpe, back row, standing at left, and her volunteers make blankets, hats and scarves for the homeless throughout the area. Sharpe is helped by Yvonne Porter, Leonor Ardila and Dorothy Eller, from the left in the back row. Seated from left are Bertha Mayfield, Cindy Bolton and Gloria Norman. The women embroider inspirational messages on many of the blankets they present to the less fortunate.

plies alone.

The group, Sharpe says, primarily creates snowmobile scarves, also known as turtle scarves, and blankets. The scarves are basically long tubes of fleece that cover the wearer's neck and head, as well as part of the face.

The blankets are designed to be large, and are usually emblazoned with an inspirational slogan, such as "Touched by an Angel" or "Shoot for the Stars."

Other items, such as receiving blankets and baby burp cloths are created when the need aris-

es.

"I can't imagine being homeless and having a child," said Sharpe.

She says that the blankets, scarves, and other items are then distributed at the Salvation Army in Westland and through various organizations, such as the Detroit Rescue Mission, in downtown Detroit, to make sure they reach the people who need them the most.

"This past summer, the kids who were in (the Westland Salvation Army) day camp... received a new fleece blanket

with their individual names and an inspirational slogan," said Sharpe. She added that for some children, the personalization makes it all the more precious to them.

Although it is a lot of work, the program is not without rewards.

"I received a note from a little boy, who said, 'I'm going to do just what you told me (on his blanket), Miss Carol—shoot for the stars,'" Sharpe said.

In the end, Sharpe's motivation is simple.

"These children are tomorrow's leaders," she said.

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OBITUARIES

was also a member of Bethany Bible Church in Belleville.

Funeral services were at Bethany Bible Church with the Rev. John F. Losen and Pastor Kenneth Belch officiating.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

PASCHAL, Dorothy Mabel

Dorothy Mabel Paschal, 68, of Monroe, formerly of Belleville, died Oct. 14.

Among her survivors are her children, Michael W. (Sue) Harnisch of Belleville, Max L. (Patricia) Harnisch III of Belleville and Mary (Rick) Struble of Monroe; stepchildren, Sherry Spack and Martha Paschal, both of Arkansas; siblings, Fred, Bob, Pauline, Lorraine, Ann and Zola; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Paschal was employed by Van Buren Township Public Schools as a bus driver prior to her retirement.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Richard Brennan officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

VONMINDEN, Richard "Dickmon" Sr.

Richard Bruce "Dickmon" VonMinden, Sr., 60, of Belleville died Oct. 16 at University Hospitals in Ann Arbor.

Among his survivors are his wife, Ronnie Sue (Stout) VonMinden; children, Richard B. VonMinden, Jr. and Leslie Ann (Tom) Casadonta; siblings, Gary VonMinden of Dearborn and Sonya Campbell of Hale; his mother, Dorothy (Williams) Von Minden, also of Hale, and grandchildren, Garrett Richard, Samantha and Christina Casadonta.

Mr. VonMinden was a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge 934 and the Van Buren Township Eagles Aerie 3996.

A memorial services was at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Kurt Radtke officiating.

HUSTYI, Louis Steven "Bo"

Louis Steven "Bo" Hustyi, 50, of Willis, died Oct. 16, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in

Ann Arbor.

Among his survivors are his wife of 28 years, Jane E. (Nemeth) Hustyi; children, Jennifer (William) Renner, Daniel (Raylean Worth) Hustyi, Jessica Hustyi and Dristen Hustyi, all of Willis; his father, Louis Alexander Hustyi of Willis; siblings Carol (James) Kovalak, Louise (Dale) Hinzmann, Christine (J. Lynn) Chie and Steven (Vicky) Hustyi, all of Willis, and a grandson, Andrew Renner of Willis.

Mr. Hustyi was the founder and co-owner of Hustyi Greenhouses in Willis. He was a member of the Metropolitan Detroit Flower Growers Association.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Whittaker, where Mr. Hustyi was a member, with Father Nicholas Ritter as celebrant.

Interment was at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Whittaker.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

WELCH, Eugene

Eugene Welch, 57, of Romulus, died Oct. 11.

Among his survivors are his mother, Hester D. (Hager) Welch of Romulus; children, Heather (Michael) King of Cape Coral, FL and Eric Welch of Romulus; sisters, Lucille (Glen) Hensley of Cookeville, TN and Rosalie (Dave) Hayes of Tecumseh, and three grandchildren.

Mr. Welch served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with Pastor Marvin Hawbaker of Calvary Baptist Church in Romulus, where Mr. Welch was a member, officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

ALLEN, Tracy D.

Tracy D. Allen, 40, of Ecorse died Sept. 13.

Among her survivors are her children, Brandi, Tanecia and Travis; her parents, Deacon Jesse and Sister Clara Jones, and her fiancé, Lewis.

Funeral services were at New Birth Baptist Church with the Rev. Joseph

Stephens officiating.

Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

HOWARD, William V.

William V. Howard, 62, of Dearborn Heights, died Sept. 16.

Among his survivors are his wife, Margaret; children, Gail, Troy, Tony, Kevin, Jerry and Andre, and his grandchildren.

Interment was at Burlington Cemetery in Burlington, OH.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

PERY, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Pery, 88, of Inkster, died Sept. 17.

Among her survivors are her daughter, Ellen Mae; sons, Harold and Carl James; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster with the Rev. Willie D. Cooper officiating.

Interment was at Westland Cemetery in Wayne.

FISHER, Charles Frederick

Charles Frederick Fisher, 75, of Wayne died Oct. 3 in Wayne.

Among his survivors are his wife, Rosalie Fisher; a daughter, Laura (James) Valentine; son, Charles Curtis Fisher and Eric Thomas Fisher; a sister, Rosemary Roberts, and a granddaughter, Chelsea Ann Valentine.

Mr. Fisher was employed as a painter with the Wayne Westland School District.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Rick Locklear officiating.

Interment was at Ridge Road Cemetery in Brady Township.

AIGELTINGER, Genevieve Victoria

Genevieve Victoria Aigeltinger, 86, of

Wayne, died Oct. 11 in Livonia.

Among her survivors are her son, Arthur (Beth) Aigeltinger III; a brother, Daniel Warner; grandsons, Arthur Aigeltinger IV and Andrew Aigeltinger, and a granddaughter, Abigail Aigeltinger.

Funeral services were at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Wayne with the Rev. Dr. John Heins officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home.

DORMANEN, Anna Mae

Anne Mae Dormanen, 46, of Westland, died Oct. 16.

Among her survivors are her husband, Dennis; daughters, Kelly (Charles) Collier and Debra Wright; her mother, Marion Redman; siblings, Betsy, Jim, Agnes, Raymond, Ronald and Daniel, and grandmother of Katelyn, Lindsey and Anna Mae.

Funeral services were at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating.

Interment was at Our Lady Of Hope Cemetery in Wyandotte.

EARLE, Mary

Mary Earle, 92, of Romulus, died Oct. 16 in Wayne.

Among her survivors are her husband of 65 years, Willard Earle; her children, Daniel (Nancy) Earle of Ann Arbor; Michael Earle and Mary Ann (Richard) Wildman of Loveland, CO; a brother, George Ferguson of River Rouge; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at St. Stephen Catholic Church in New Boston with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal officiating.

Mrs. Earle was a past member of St. Stephen Catholic Church and a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church. She was a member of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

1954 PA 188 Proceedings
Notice of Street Lighting Special Assessment Hearing

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon the proposed street lighting project design and cost will be held at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on November 4, 2003.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

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Township Clerk Joannie Payne
46425 Tyler Road
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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township has received a preliminary street lighting layout plan from Detroit Edison indicating 10 street lights to be constructed with an annual operating cost of \$2,577.52. This plan is on file at the Township Clerk's Office and is available for examination and will further be available at the public hearing.

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OPINION

Our choices are:

Voters in the City of Westland will cast a historic ballot next month, when they send an elected clerk into office for the first time.

The other race they'll decide – the one for city council – will be just as important, however. Our staff evaluated all eight candidates for the four open city council seats as well as the two candidates for the position of clerk based on their background, plans and other factors as we determined which candidates we thought would best serve the Westland community.

Incumbents for Westland council

Anyone familiar with Westland politics will know the difference between the way the city operates today and the way it operated two years ago.

In fact, the current council members have done such an admirable job as they've helped bring the community together and overcome the negative politicking that culminated in a recall election in 2000, that we think voters should remember them on election day.

In short, we think all four incumbents deserve the opportunity to continue their service on the Westland City Council. Residents should vote for **James Godbout, Dennis LeMaitre, Robert Stottlemeyer** and **William Wild**.

Godbout has provided a well-reasoned voice in his time on the council. A long-time businessman, he has a solid background in business administration and finance that we think is invaluable to the council. His work on improving the technology in the city will have long-term benefits, and we liked his attempt to bring curbside recycling to the area, ill-fated as it was. It shows that he is willing to look at a larger problem and try to solve it, or a piece of it, on a local level.

LeMaitre has also proven his worth to the community, and dedication to it. Eight days after he suffered from a heart attack, he was back on the city council, and his campaign scarcely skipped a beat. He's also proven to be a consensus builder on the council, as well as a voice of reason during a politically difficult chapter in the history of Westland. We like his ideas on redevelopment, and willingness to look more than a decade into the future to try and plan for the community.

Stottlemeyer, a retired fire fighter with a long pedigree of community service, is also an easy choice. He may be retired, but you wouldn't know it if you followed him around on a typical day. With 62 years as a resident of the community under his belt, he provides a needed historical perspective to the council. His many charitable works, including the formation of the SPARK group, show that he looks beyond his work on the dais, too. We also liked his ideas about promoting and helping small business owners; they are often overlooked in a city the size of Westland, but they provide an essential ingredient to the local economy, and help make the city a diverse, vibrant community.

Wild may be among the more soft-spoken members of the council, but he serves an important role there. Only 32, he represents the younger segment of the society. It's refreshing to see younger people so involved in the community. His perspective as a former planning commission is an asset to the board, as well. What we like most about him, though, is his demonstrated leadership in both the nuts and bolts areas of government – such as promoting new technology and improved infrastructure – and the more 'warm and fuzzy' aspects of the office, like his work on the committee to rename the Westland Ice Arena after hometown hero, Mike Modano.

Newcomer is best for city clerk

Voters have a choice between two residents for the first-ever elected clerk's position.

They are **Debra Kehrer**, a long-time community volunteer and postal employee and **Eileen DeHart**, a former state representative and member of the Westland City Council.

We think it's a relatively easy choice: voters should choose

See **Choices** page 8



Is the tail wagging the dog?

Opponents of the proposed parking deck in Northville got one of the things they wanted Monday night.

The city council unanimously reinforced the position – and commitment – made by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to revisit the size, location and footprint of any parking decks that might be constructed downtown.

It effectively told those who were unhappy with the plan that they were willing to work with them, if they were willing to vote for the project. The ballot language refers only to the funding, not the design or location of the structure.

Will it work?

Who knows. It does show one thing, though: that city officials simply cannot win in the parking situation.

They've spent uncounted hours discussing the issue, both through the management of existing parking and how best to provide for future needs. They've narrowed down five proposals to one good one through the course of more than a year of studies and meetings. They developed the plan they think would work best.

And only then did the public start to talk about it, even though all these previous meetings were open to the public.

Now the citizens have what they want, something with the full stamp of the seal of the city, read into the minutes, an official document that quantifies their willingness to revisit the last year or so of their decision making. Hopefully it will be enough.

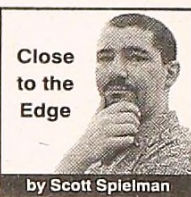
Obviously it was a necessary step. When the discussion spilled over into the DDA meeting last week, the board was quick to show their willingness to revisit the issue. They all said so. Mayor Christopher Johnson said so. That assurance wasn't enough, though, the skeptics remained unconvinced and asked for something in writing.

In a way I understand the skepticism. It's part of the duty for every one of us to question our leaders and make sure they follow through on what they say.

This is a little different, though. These are apparently people who ignored the process when it was going on, didn't like the end result and now refuse to be swayed.

And the result is that Northville officials are now asking for a blank check. It's backwards. Normally when you plan a major project like this, you have a plan in place. It's easier to get the approval of voters if they know what you're doing with their money.

We'll see if that proves to be the case, here.



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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm,"

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

It was late afternoon when I pulled into the historic Pierce Point Ranch at the base of Tomales Point at the northern most end of Point Reyes National Seashore.

I'd driven past several dairy ranches, inhaled the sweet smell of the sea and tried not to inhale the odiferous perfume of the dairy cows.

My plan was to visit the Tule Elk reserve, but when I reached the ranch, I discovered that it was still a pretty good hike to where the elk might, or might not be. In other words, it was a crapshoot.

Instead, I chose to hike down the cliffs to McClure's Beach—a choice that brought a wonderfully rewarding experience.

About a quarter of the way down the steep trail, I spotted a white-haired man dressed all in black. With him was a towheaded boy and a dark, curly-haired little girl.

Stopping to catch my breath, I watched, wondering why the three were moving so slowly.

Then I saw why. I was witnessing an ultimate act of patience and support, and a similar one of sheer determination.

The boy was slowly rolling an old tire, complete

with metal rim up the cliff trail. Hand over hand he rolled, pushed, lifted and slid the tire, sometimes only inches before he'd have to stop and rest.

"Hi," I said approaching the trio.

They said hello, and we talked.

"I'm Jerry Stanecki."

"David Hudnut," the man in black said. "And, these are my grandchildren, Wyatt and Isabella."

They had spent the afternoon at the beach, David explained, and when leaving, young Wyatt had decided to push the old tire all the way up the cliff to the top.

"Just to see if you could do it?" I asked.

"Nah," Wyatt replied, shaking his head. "I wanted to make a tire swing."

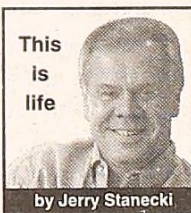
I was taken back by the simple logic of this 12-year-old. Find a tire, make a swing. The journey up the cliff—all part of the fun because he wanted to do it.

David asked where I was from, and when I told him, he smiled and said he'd worked for the Ford Motor Co. in the legal department. He and his wife had moved to Tiburon, Ca., just north of the Golden Gate Bridge in the early 1970s when he retired.

Small world.

I looked at Wyatt and asked if he kept a journal.

"No, no, I don't."



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Inkster election will determine future of city

At a time when the City of Inkster is facing one of the most severe budget challenges in western Wayne County, the 2003 election is likely to be an important one.

And though we were disappointed that only three individuals sought open seats when all seven, including the mayoral seat, were up for election, we're glad to see that both the challengers and incumbents appear genuinely interested in helping the cash-crunched city re-invent itself.

Of course, how to solve several problems facing the city — increasing the tax base, coping with crime, encouraging code compliance and providing improved city services to 31,000 residents — during the next sever-

al years is a matter of intense debate.

That is what elections are for.

That being said, *The Journal* staff weighed the qualifications of each incumbent and challenger and based the following endorsements on community service, professional activities and overall character to make the following recommendations:

In District 2, **Councilman Marcus Hendricks** is facing opponent Jessie White. We believe **Hendricks** deserves another term because his priorities as a councilperson — specifically finding solutions to bring more police officers to the city — are in line with the needs of the community (The police department is operating about 14 officers below regular staffing lev-

els). Though White has more governmental experience than **Hendricks**, we think the incumbent possesses a better understanding of the complex issues facing the city.

In District 3, Councilman Lorenzo Moner is facing political newcomer **Ronald Johnson**. During this crucial juncture in the city, we think **Johnson** would provide the council with a much-needed shake-up. Often council members will approve initiatives and later, after the votes are tallied, express concern about aspects of the measure on which they just voted. **Johnson** has shown that he would not take for granted that information meted out by the city administration or other council members is the right thing for the city. We hope,

though, that Moner will continue to serve the city as a volunteer and auxiliary police officer after the election.

In District 4, incumbent **Louise Kolberg** is facing challenger Michael Canty. We believe **Kolberg** has shown the ability to respond to the needs of her constituents. **Kolberg** has also shown courage by expressing her negative opinions about the \$23 million Carver Homes project during what must have been intense pressure not to do so.

Whether voters agree with her or not, we respect her unwillingness to go along with the pack and air her concerns publicly as opposed to privately. We would have been more comfortable with Canty had the criminal case pending against him for unlaw-

fully teaching firearms courses without the required teaching credentials been resolved. As it stands, we are unlikely to know how the case ends prior to the election. If he's convicted the felony charges, he would have to give up his seat to a council appointed representative. We would like the hundreds of voters likely turn out to turn out on election day decide who wins this seat instead of four council members.

Decisions to be made for the next four years are likely to affect the city for generations to come. The city needs the best community representatives possible to navigate what promised to be rough waters. In Inkster, we think **Marcus Hendricks, Ronald Johnson** and **Louise Kolberg** are deserving of your vote.

Choices: Westland incumbents deserve reelection

FROM PAGE 7

Kehrer.

It's true that DeHart has more experience in an elective office, but that doesn't mean she'll show any more aptitude for the position as someone who has never been elected, like **Kehrer**. She's also spent time in a variety of elected and appointed posts, and is already eligible for four pensions. She's been at the public trough long enough.

Kehrer has shown her dedication to the community. A 20-year member of the Westland Jaycees, she also served as district director of that group. She's also

been active with senior's groups and the postal union.

Like DeHart, she's indicated an interest in increasing voter turnout, but we like her idea to go into the high schools and put on seminars to encourage younger residents to do their civic duty. We also like her idea to increase the services residents can access online, in order to streamline the department.

Voters have several choices when the head to the polls on Nov. 4. We think their best ones are for **James Godbout, Dennis LeMaitre, Robert Stottlemeyer** and **William Wild** for city council and **Debra Kehrer** for city clerk.

Tire: Childhood lessons should be remembered

FROM PAGE 7

"It might be a good idea to begin one," I said. "Writing the summer adventures of a 12-year-old can be very rewarding years later, when you reread the adventures. I'll just bet you'll be happy.

The boy looked interested.

"That's a very good idea," Grandpa said.

"And, if I were you, I'd make the very first entry today's story of the great tire challenge: how patient and supportive your granddad was and how you achieved a very hard task just because you wanted it badly enough.

"Isabella helped me, too," Wyatt said, not wanting to leave his sister out.

Isabella gave us a melting smile.

We talked a bit more then bid our farewells. Watching them move slowly up the cliff, I thought it didn't matter that the beat up old tire was probably too small for young Wyatt to fit into.

It didn't matter that he'd probably ended up skinning a few knuckles before he got the tire off the rusty iron rim, but he would get that tire off, all right.

What mattered was when an older Wyatt looks back. I imagine he'll remember the day of lessons learned at McClure's beach with a warm smile: the old tire, patience and love from granddad, help from little Isabella.

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The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine if the equipment will accurately count the votes cast by absentee ballots for all offices in the manner prescribed by law.

Kimberly Turner, CMC
Inkster City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in the City of Wayne, County of Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing three (3) City Council members and one (1) Mayor. The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 1, 2003, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving applications for absentee ballots.

The places of voting are as follows:

Precinct 1 and 2	WMHS Alumni Arena, 3001 Fourth St.
Precinct 4 and 5	Taft School, 4035 Gloria St.
Precinct 6 and 7	Hoover School, 5400 Fourth St.
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Mary E. Carney
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Theresa Wherrett
Staff Writer

Forget knitting. The current crop of seniors is not taking aging lying down. They are more active than ever before, and may in fact be more active than younger people, according to the International Council on Active Aging (ICAA), which reports that 30 percent of the older population today exercises regularly as compared to 25 percent of the general population.

"I just love it," said Nancy Davidson, 67, at a Jazzercise class at the Westland Senior Friendship Center. "It makes me feel good."

The Friendship Center offers Jazzercise class three times per week, and earlier this month offered free classes in conjunction with Jazzercise to celebrate the observance of Active Aging Week and the International Day of the Older Adult. The International Day of the Older Adult is a 13-year World Health Organization initiative to promote the importance of keeping aging adults worldwide healthy.

"This is a very active group," said Jazzercise instructor Robert Cassidy, who gave his age as 69 but moved like a man 30

years younger. He has been leading the hour-long low-impact aerobic classes at the center for five years.

The 2000 census identified over 59 million people in the United States ages 55 and older. That number increases by 11,000 per day, according to ICAA, as baby boomers reach their 55th birthday and cross over into senior citizen status. In Westland, there are approximately 18,500 seniors, according to the 2000 census. That accounts for about 21 percent of the population of the city.

Many seniors know that getting older isn't always easy.

"All systems, as we age, don't function as well," said Ella Bastine, 58, who is the exercise therapist at Presbyterian Village in Westland.

She leads exercise classes there twice a week. Her classes include people in their 60s to people in their 90s.

"We do a lot of stretching, so they

don't lose mobility," Bastine said. "We also do strengthening of muscles used for balance and anti-gravity so they can handle falls."

In addition to physical benefits, regular exercise can offer a psychological boost and provide an opportunity for seniors to forge friendships and informal support

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Ella Bastine

Dental mobile to be in area

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The Wayne County Mobile Dental Unit will make a stop at the Wayne-Westland Headstart facility from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

The dental unit, a mobile RV complete with all of the amenities of a conventional dental practice, will provide children in need of dental care with cleanings free of

charge. Dentists, assistants and other volunteers will be on hand with free toothbrushes and brochures to help people without dental insurance or access to high quality dental care ensure their overall dental health.

The Wayne-Westland Headstart facility is located at 38401 Marquette Road. For more information, call the Wayne County Health Department at 734-727-7445. No pre-registration is required.



A Jazzercise program at the Westland Friendship Center helps keep senior citizens active and in shape.

groups.

"When I first started Jazzercise (at the Senior Center) two years ago," said 68-year-old Dolores Todd, "I had a lot of problems with my back and shoulder. I had diabetes. I had emotional problems because I had recently lost my husband. I didn't even want to get out of bed in the morning. My daughter brought me here and said, you have to do something. Now I can't wait to get here. (Instructor) Robert is an emotional builder like you wouldn't believe."

"Plus," she added, "the music is on all the time. It really gets your toes tapping"

In addition to Jazzercise, the Senior Center offers an exercise room, country line dancing, Tai Chi and golf and bowling leagues.

The Presbyterian Village is next to the Westland Municipal Golf Course, offers exercise classes and an exercise room, and has raised flowerbeds for gardening. Bastine also recommended warm water aquatics for joint pain at the Dyer Center Orthopedic Pool.

"Do something that makes you happy," said Bastine. "People who keep active don't slow down as much. Just do it."



Ten Tips For A Healthy Back

Follow these simple guidelines to keep your back in good shape.

1. Standing

Keeping one foot forward of the other, with knees slightly bent, takes the pressure off your lower back.

2. Sitting

Sitting with your knees slightly higher than your hips provides good lower back support.

3. Reaching

Stand on a stool to reach things that are above your shoulder level.

4. Moving Heavy Items

Pushing is easier on your back than pulling. Use your arms and legs to start the push. If you must lift a heavy item, get someone to help you.

5. Lifting

Kneel down on one knee with the other foot flat on the floor, as near as possible to the item you are lifting. Lift with your legs, not your back, keeping the object close to your body at all times.

The more you know, the better chance you have of avoiding back pain - which affects 80% of the adult population and is the second most common reason people visit their doctors. If you have back pain or want to know how to avoid it, consult a spine care specialist.

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6. Carrying

Two small objects (one in either hand) may be easier to handle than one large one. If you must carry one large object, keep it close to your body.

7. Sleeping

Sleeping on your back puts 55 lbs of pressure on your back. Putting a couple of pillows under your knees cuts the pressure in half. Lying on your side with a pillow between your knees also reduces the pressure.

8. Weight Control

Additional weight puts a strain on your back. Keep within 10 lbs. of your ideal weight for a healthier back.

9. Quit Smoking

Smokers are more prone to back pain than nonsmokers because nicotine restricts the flow of blood to the discs that cushion your vertebrae.

10. Minor Back Pain

Treat minor back pain with anti-inflammatories and gentle stretching, followed by an ice pack.

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County sheriff awarded Homeland Security Grant

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department will have a little extra help in the fight against terrorism.

The help comes in the form of a \$3 million Homeland Security Grant that will help implement new efforts to combat terrorism along the U.S.-Canadian border, said Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans.

The funds would be used to beef up intelligence gathering and enforcement at the border he said at an Oct. 10 press conference. U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (D-Michigan) and U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) also attended. They are part of the congressional delegation that helped secure the funding.

The one-year grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS). It equals a \$3 million grant given to Detroit as the largest received by any local law enforcement agency in Michigan.

Evans said that only made sense.

"Detroit and Wayne County have a large number of vital assets, including our international waterway, the nation's busiest border crossing and other key infrastructure," Evans said. "This grant demonstrates the fact

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The grant can only be applied to overtime worked by street-level officers, he said. It will fund as many as 40 full-time officers on a one-year basis. Evans said that would allow him to continue building collaborative efforts to provide services to support the efforts of state, federal and local law enforcement agencies in the war on terrorism.

"Our plan is to gather intelligence and combine it with information from our partners at the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), U.S. Customs, border patrol and the Detroit police to provide more effective homeland security," Evans said. "I fully expect that we will see a dramatic increase in the amount of stops and investigations in vulnerable areas, such as the border. I also expect to see an increase in the amount of drugs we seize at border crossings, the proceeds from which often go to fund terrorist activities."

The grant will be able to provide for specialized training the officers need to deal with various threats, he said. It will also place additional marine patrols along the 38-mile stretch of international waterway that borders Wayne County, from Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie.

The COPS Homeland Security Overtime Program is a new initiative established in response to the ongoing threat of terrorism and the role that state and local law enforcement agencies play in preventing and responding to terrorism, Evans said.

More than \$59 million in grants have been awarded to enforcement agencies in 50 states to supplement local overtime budgets for a year. The Macomb County Sheriff received \$68,000 and the Monroe County Sheriff received \$15,000. Dearborn received \$56,504.

"This is a lean budget year, which magnifies the success we have had finding alternative sources of revenue," Evans said.



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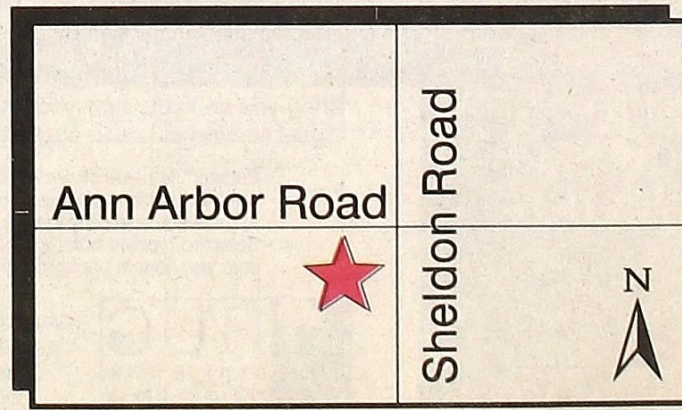


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SPORTS

Whalers mix games up: win, lose, tie

Jeff Novak
 Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers played three rigorous games in three days with a mix of results. They tied the Guelph Storm for the second time in two weeks last Friday and fell to the Sarnia Sting on Saturday. They did pull out a win on Sunday against the Brampton Battalion.

John Vigilante led the way for the Whalers' 4-3 victory in Brampton with two goals including the game winner.

Ryan Nie steered away 36 shots in the victory.

Ryan Oulahan scored on a power play early in the first period to give the Battalion a 1-0 lead.

Ryan Ramsay tied the game for the Whalers with his third goal of the season. Brampton took the lead on a power play goal by Kamil Kreps to end the

first period 2-1.

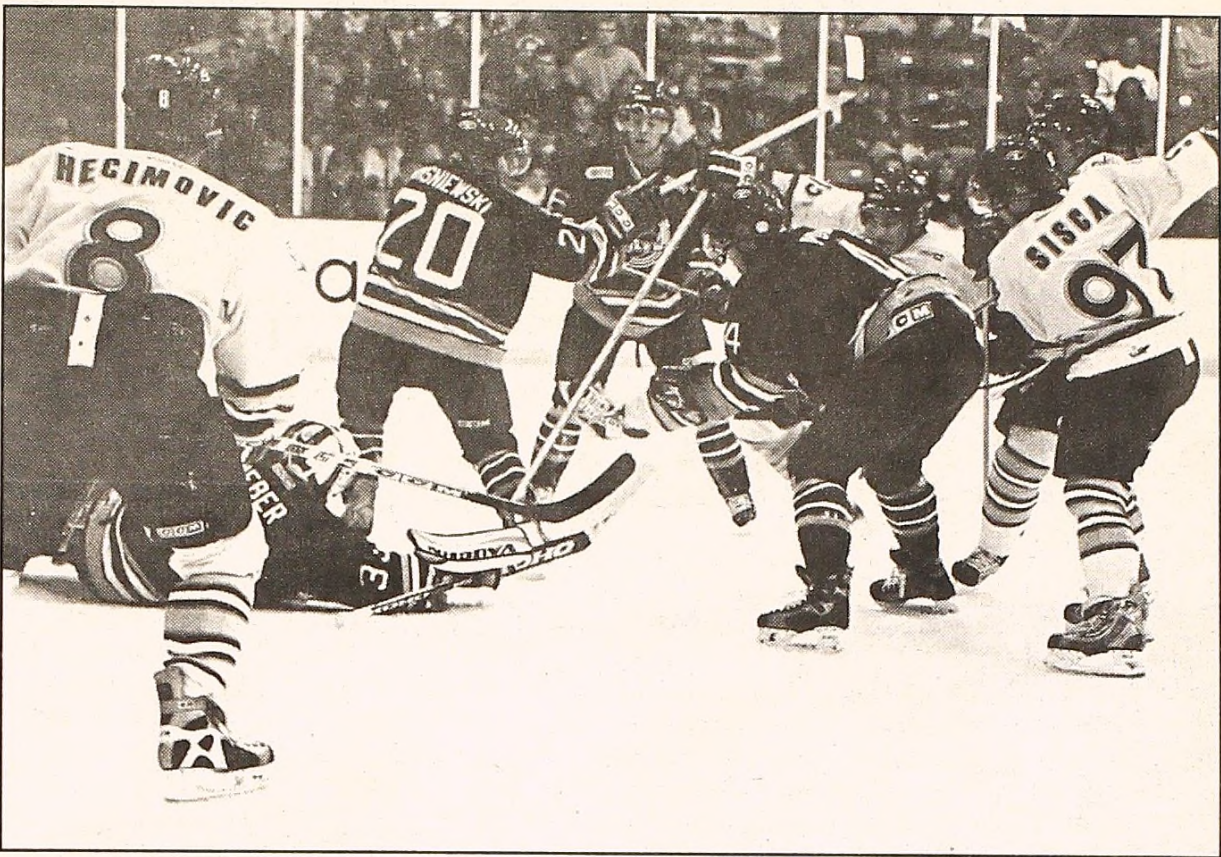
The Whalers came out shooting to take the lead in the second period. Vigilante scored his first goal of the night early in the period to tie the game at two. Brent Mahon put the Whalers on top 3-2 almost a minute later with his first goal of the year. James Neal and James Wisniewski recorded assists on the goal.

Brampton's Adam Henrich tied the game 3-3 at the end of the second period.

Vigilante scored his second goal of the night with assists from Dan Collins and John Mitchell to put the game away.

Whalers 3, Storm 3

Plymouth started their week-end off with a 3-3 tie against the Guelph Storm. Ramsay led the team with one goal and two assists.



The Plymouth Whalers are in second place in the West Division with a 6-4-2 record.

The Storm took the lead in the first period with a goal from Ryan Garlock.

The Whaler's came back to tie it up in the second period with a goal from Wisniewski, assisted by Ramsay.

Brett Trudell and Martin St. Pierre each scored a goal in the second period to put the Storm back in the lead.

The Whalers trailed 3-1 to start the third period but it didn't

take long for Ramsay to bury the puck in the Storm's net to make it a 3-2 game.

Vaclav Meidl assisted on the goal. Dan Collins tied the game with only three minutes left in the game. Ramsay and Meidl assisted on the play.

Whalers 4, Sting 5

Power play goals and a hectic third period served the Whalers their loss of the weekend.

Wisniewski scored on a power play to give the Whalers the early lead in the first period. The Sting answered back in the second with two goals from John Hecimovic and Dan Sisca to take a 2-1 lead.

The third period ended up being more like a pin pong match with volleying goals.

Mike Letizia scored for the

See Whalers, page 16

SYNOPSIS
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 October 16, 2003

- DATE: Thursday, October 16, 2003
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.
 PLACE: 41600 W. Six Mile Road
 CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Abbo at 7:30 p.m.
 ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Marjorie Banner, Sue Hillebrand, Marv Gans, Richard Henningsen, Shirley Klokenga, Brad Werner
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
 1. Agendas:
 A. Approve Consent & Regular Agenda - approved with addition of 2C.
 2. Appointments, Petitions, Resolutions & Presentations:
 A. Green Ways Initiative grant application Resolution - approved
 B. Michigan Department of Transportation, Enhancement Funds Resolution - approved
 C. Citizen of the Year - approved
 3. Public Hearing: none.
 4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: none
 5. New Business:
 A. Municipal Building Project - Progress Payment #7 - approved
 B. Municipal Building Project - Change Order #9 - approved
 C. P&R - Service Complaints - no action taken
 D. Quail Ridge Drain Improvements - 4th and Final Payment - approved
 E. GIS Mapping - approved
 F. Conference of Western Wayne 2004 Dues - approved
 G. Mobile Command Unit - approved
 H. Northville Ridge Phase 2B - Utility Easements - approved
 I. Northville Ridge Phase 1B & 1C - Utility Easements - approved
 J. Corlina Condominiums - Utility Easements - approved
 K. Edgewater Condominiums - Storm Water Maintenance Agreement - approved
 L. East Northville Hills Sub. No.2 - Final Plat - approved with conditions
 M. East Northville Hills Sub. No.2 - Vacation of Sanitary Sewer Easement - approved
 N. Waterstone - Open Space Agreement and Master Deed - approved
 O. Election Voting Booths - approved
 P. Approval of 2004 Budget - approved
 6. Unfinished Business:
 A. Proposed Changes - Parks and Recreation Commission By-Laws - tabled
 7. Ordinances: none.
 8. Bills Payable:
 A. Bills payable in the amount of \$2,516,685.13 - approved
 9. Board Communication: Reports were given by the following: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Chip Snider, Marv Gans, Marjorie Banner, Shirley Klokenga, Brad Werner
 10. Any Other Business that may properly be brought before the Board of Trustees:
 A. Millennium Park over run - approved
 11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Mark J. Abbo, Supervisor
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Northville Mustangs advance in district playoffs

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustangs soccer team trounced Northern Farmington 5-1 in the first round of district playoffs.

James Hannah scored three goals and had one assist to lead the Mustangs and Phil Yutzy and Cody Pickren each scored a goal in the post-season win, according to Northville coach Henry

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*I'm looking forward
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with Novi.*
Henry Klimes

Klimes.

The score was 3-1 in the first half with two goals from Hannah and one from Yutzy with an assist

from Hannah. Northern Farmington scored in the final minute of the first half to give them momentum going into the second.

However, Farmington couldn't get things going in the second half and allowed Hannah and Pickren to score and put the game away.

Steve Besk started in goal for the Mustangs but was taken out at half time in order to rest for

their next game against Novi, Klimes said. John O'Connor filled in for Besk and shut Farmington out in the second half.

Northville played Novi Tuesday night but the outcome was unknown at press time. Klimes did have this to say about the Novi meeting prior to the game:

“I'm looking forward to the rematch with Novi. I think we are

playing better now than we did earlier in the season. I feel good going into the game as the under-dog, it's a great motivational tool.”

Northville lost to Novi, who is ranked third in the state, earlier this year. The winner of that match-up played the winner of the Catholic Central and Livonia Stevenson game. The district finals will be played tonight in Novi.

Penalties hurt Rocks in loss

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The struggling Salem Rocks suffered a difficult 28-14 homecoming loss to the Walled Lake Western Warriors last Friday.

Although Walled Lake Western scored a touchdown in each of the four quarters, it wasn't the Warriors that beat the Rocks. Salem beat themselves with penalties, according to Salem coach Bob Cummings.

“We moved the ball well all night – it was the penalties that hurt us,” he said. “We had three touchdowns called back on penalties, one in the first half and two in the second due to holding and illegal procedure penalties. We just have to play through those.”

The Rocks scored in the first quarter with a 12-yard touchdown run from Jeff Lake to put them on the board. Salem never got back into the end zone – and received points for it – until the fourth quarter when senior quarterback Chris Drabicki threw a 38-yard touchdown strike to Brian Bradley. Drabicki had a

solid performance completing 12-23 for 175 yards and a score. He also rushed for 72 yards on 12 carries.

Bradley ended the night with six catches for 109 yards and a touchdown and Mike Kerul had 11 carries for 55 yards.

The Rocks defense allowed Western's junior running back Jason Tominna 115 yards rushing on 10 carries and a touchdown. Despite Tominna's show, the Rocks' linebackers Jerry Zyblowski and Ryan Kilgore had strong performances with a sack from Zyblowski.

“They were around the ball all night and handled their assignments well,” Cummings said.

It doesn't get any tougher than losing on homecoming to a mediocre Western team, but it doesn't get easier for the 1-7 Rocks when the play the undefeated Canton Chiefs in the regular season finale tomorrow night.

“I feel good about going against Canton,” Cummings said. “Our offense has been doing well all year and our defense is improving. If we play mistake free we have a shot at them.”

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday November 5, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V125-83-111-99-0011-001 and 1.51 acres of V125-83-111-99-0011-002. This property is located on the north side of Hull Road, between Sumpter and Elwell Roads.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren R1-B (Single Family Residential) Zoning District. The applicant, Oak Creek Woods LLC, is requesting an appeal from the Planning Commission's decision dated May 14, 2003 granting Conditional Preliminary Site Plan Approval subject to items and recommendations listed in McKenna's letter dated May 8, 2003 and Wade Trim's letter dated May 9, 2003.

The applicant is requesting the following:

ARTICLE IV, Section 4.51 APPEALS FROM A DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

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The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V125-83-007-03-0134-000; also know as 6752 Anna Drive. This property is located on the north side of Anna Drive; between Sadie Lane and Rebecca Court.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren R-1B (Single Family Residential) Zoning District. The applicant is requesting a variance from the 35-foot rear yard setback to construct a Three Season Sun Room.

The applicant is requesting the following:

ARTICLE XVII SECTION 17.02 SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS, REAR YARD SETBACK, R1-B Single Family Residential

*35-foot rear yard setback required
28-foot rear yard setback proposed
7-foot variance requested*

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The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren R-1B (Single Family Residential) Zoning District. The applicant is requesting an 8' variance from the required 35' rear yard setback to construct an attached sunroom on the rear of home.

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Mims wins it for Lady Eagles

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The clock may have been the biggest opponent in the Romulus basketball game against Garden City last Thursday night. Very few opportunities exist in a tied game with only seconds left on the clock.

Romulus senior guard Erika Mims capitalized on her chance and hit two from the free throw line with 10 seconds left in the game to beat Garden City 60-58. The close win pushed the Eagles overall record to 11-1 and they remain undefeated at 5-0 in the Mega White Conference.

Senior center Alicia Harbor led the team and recorded a double-double with 16 points and 14 rebounds in the victory, according to Romulus Coach Rhonda McAllister. Ashley Sibby scored 15 and helped out with five assists. Janiece Armstrong and Constance Kersey each scored eight for the team. Game-winner Mims ended with eight points, seven assists and five steals.

"We were up by 14 at the half," McAllister said. "We didn't execute well in the second half but it's good to know that we can win in a close game."

The Eagles scored 24 points in the second quarter to give them a commanding 41-28 lead at halftime. They were out

scored 18-16 in the third quarter but maintained a 50-44 lead. Romulus only scored 10 points in the fourth, which allowed Garden City to narrow the lead and tie it at the end.

Mims was fouled with the game tied at 58 and only 10 seconds left on the clock. She stepped up to the line and made both free throws to put the Eagles up 60-58. However, five seconds remained on the clock and Garden City had possession. Mims went down court and made the game-winning steal in the final seconds to deter Garden City's final attempt.

On defense, the Eagles held Garden City's 6'3" sophomore star center Lindsay Slatemier to only six points, which was a huge victory in itself, according to McAllister.

However, Garden City's junior forward April Kosinski was harder to contain. She scored 19 points for the Cougars. Robyn Roots scored 14.

The Lady Eagles are at the top of the Mega White Conference but six of their last eight games will be on the road. This week, they will play Dearborn, who is also undefeated in the conference, and Taylor Truman tonight. Both games are away. The Eagles will return home to play Woodhaven and spend the next four games traveling.

Belleville gets offense rolling

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

After struggling on offense for most of the season, the Belleville Tigers posted 92 points in two games last week. They beat Lincoln Park 51-43 last Tuesday night hitting 76 percent of their shots, according to coach Kevin Edwards.

"The girls played hard all the way through," he said. "We seem to be shooting the ball a lot better."

Ericka Brewer led the team with 19 points and nine rebounds. Tia Lewis added 12 for Belleville.

"The game was up-tempo for both teams," Edwards said. "We seem to be finding the basket and we're playing a little bit better on defense."

Belleville took the lead in the first quarter and maintained it to end the half, 25-19. They extended the lead in the third when they outscored Lincoln Park 16-7 and added 10 in the fourth to hold on for the win.

Belleville 41, Wyandotte 50

Although the Tigers lost to Wyandotte they were able to maintain solid offensive play last Thursday.

"It was a close game," Edwards said. It was 43-41 with Wyandotte in the lead with less than three minutes to play. We had some chances to take the lead but couldn't.

Wyandotte pulled away in the final minutes to steal the victory.

Freshman Taylor Manley led the Tigers with 10 points and Lewis had seven.

Belleville 27, Southgate 46

The Tigers struggled offensively on the court the previous week with a 46-27 loss Southgate Anderson High School.

"We came out flat," Edwards said. "We have been getting shots all season we just can't put them in the basket."

The Tigers went 13-49, 26 percent, from the field against Southgate. "We can't win games like that," Edwards said.

He said that the team is picking up the

defense better and are starting to break the press now, which will help the team.

Cynthia McGolrick led the team with eight points and Manley put up seven points and four assists in the loss.

Manley was averaging double points at the beginning of the season but has taken on a different role for the team, according to Edwards.

"I have her spreading the ball around now," he said. "She doesn't score as much, but I want her to learn how to be a complete player. It was hard for her at first but I think she understands now."

"She's learning when to score and when to pass it off to a teammate," he said. "She's doing really well. She understands."

Manley is now averaging eight to nine rebounds a game, according to Edwards.

Belleville 54, Inkster 75

The Tigers had a good team effort against the powerful Inkster Vikings the previous week. They lost 75-54 but played better.

"Inkster's probably the best team that we've seen so far," Edwards said. "It was probably the best we've played as a team."

Brewer led Belleville with 24 points and Chelsea Acho reached doubles with 11 points.

For Inkster Tiffany Smith scored 30 points and had 11 rebounds. Senior Carena Easley scored 16 and Evelyn Heath scored 10.

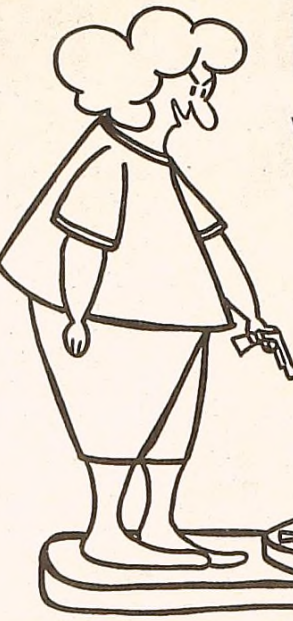
Belleville's freshman scoring sensation Taylor Manley only scored nine points but recorded 10 assists, according to Edwards.

Although they lost the game against Inkster it was a sign of teamwork.

"I was really proud how the girls strapped up and played against Inkster. They have some great players on that team," Edwards said. "The ups and downs of our team are just signs of a young team."

Belleville plays a tough Monroe team tonight at home. The tigers lost to Monroe earlier in the year.

"It will be a good test to see if we've made changes and improved," Edwards said.



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Canton defeats Mustangs, 40-6

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs are a victory away from a perfect regular season. The Chiefs remained undefeated last week when they tamed the Northville Mustangs 40-6.

Canton Head Coach Tim Baechler and his Chiefs were noticeably hungry when they took to the field last Friday night. When they received the opening kick off they ate nearly six minutes off of the clock—that's half of the first quarter—with their first drive, which ended with a one-yard touchdown run from Devin Thomas. With the extra point the score was 7-0.

Northville couldn't get anything going on their first drive. They were flagged for an illegal block on a third-and-six play and were forced to punt.

With a combination of Chuck Schumacher, Travis McKinney and Thomas, the Chiefs marched down field to score on their second possession. McKinney scored from 26 yards out and left only 1:26 left on the clock for the first period. The extra point was good to put the Chiefs up 14-0.

The Mustangs failed to get going again and were forced to punt from their 24-yard line. The

punt went higher in the air than it went down field, which gave Canton great field position on Northville's 37-yard line.

McKinney punched it in from five yards out. The extra point failed but the Chiefs were up 20-0 with 9:11 left in the first half.

Northville's offense finally started to move the ball and marched it down to Canton's 13-yard line but was unable to put it in.

They turned the ball over on downs and left Canton with a long field. Canton carried the ball 82 yards down field for McKinney scored his third rushing touchdown of the night to extend the Chiefs lead. The extra point was good to give Canton a 27-0 lead.

Canton regained possession one minute later to set up quarterback Shawn Little's 39-yard touchdown strike to McKinney. The two-point conversion attempt failed to make it a 33-0 game with 40 seconds left in the half.

The third quarter went scoreless but both teams exchanged fumbles—four total—at the end of the third and the beginning of the fourth quarters. Neither team converted the turnovers into points.

Canton went up 40-0 off of a



Eight down and one to go; Canton remained undefeated with a win over Northville last week and will finish up the regular season against Salem tomorrow night.

64-yard touchdown run from Jeff Hudson and an extra point with 5:46 remaining in the game. The Mustangs toughed it out and avoided the shutout with a 27-yard touchdown pass by sophomore quarterback Charlie Thomas to senior wide-out Bill Brown with 1:26 left in the game. The extra point was no good to end the game 40-6.

Northville Head Coach Clint Alexander rotated quarterbacks again this week. Thomas went 3-6 for 38 yards and the touchdown and senior Marc Sorenson was the team's leading rusher with 75 yards on 10 carries.

Brown caught three passes for 47 yards and the score for Northville and Matt Stilec rushed for 34 yards. The Mustangs' offense was stalled partially by 10 penalties in the

game.

"It was really hard to get things going offensively when we kept getting penalties on first down," Alexander said. "We needed to be second and six not first and 15."

"Offensively we needed to keep the defense off the field. We had a lot of dropped passes...mentally we weren't there. To beat a team like Canton you have to play your best game and we didn't."

Northville has to play another undefeated team in Novi tomorrow night.

Canton was led by their backfield again. McKinney had his four touchdowns, Schumacher finished with 150 yards on 18 carries and Thomas had a touchdown. Backups Andy Russow and Julian Smith also con-

tributed with big games.

"Offensively we came out really strong in the first half," Baechler said. "The offensive line did a great job."

"On defense we thought it would be a challenge and it was. They have great skill players. We wanted to make them throw the ball and stop the run."

Bryon Siefert led the team in tackles and Hudson also had a solid defensive game as inside linebacker, according to Baechler. Franz Gatske recovered a fumble for the Chiefs in the fourth quarter.

Will the Chiefs hurdle the Salem Rocks tomorrow night or will they stumble over them on their way to a perfect record? Salem will be the host in the Chiefs-Rocks showdown for the last regular game of the season.

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Inkster Vikings football still searching for win

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Inkster Vikings quest for their first win was denied last Friday when they were mauled 44-8 by the Highland Park Polar Bears.

Highland Park went up early with 22 points in the first half, according to Inkster coach Craig James. Inkster came back to score and end the half 22-8.

The Viking's scored on a four-yard rushing touchdown from Marcus Peterson. The score ended a 70-yard drive with some great passes from Charles

Jefferson, James said.

Inkster had several opportunities in the game but couldn't score. They marched into scoring territory five other times in the game but were unable to put the ball in, James said.

Part of Inkster's problem is the lack of depth. James said. They only have 16 healthy players on their team. Last year they didn't have a junior varsity team to bring kids up, which left them short of players for this year, according to James.

He said he wants to keep the players they have on the junior varsity team this year and bring

them up next year.

"Right now I have four or five players on JV that are good enough to be starters on the varsity team," he said. "I want to keep them there to learn the system. It's bite-the-bullet time - its what we had to do to have a team."

Inkster 20, Berkley 23

The Vikings had a solid game the week before in a 23-20 loss to the Berkley Bears.

Inkster jumped ahead early when Milton Hunter returned an interception 60 yards for a touchdown. The extra point failed but

the Vikings were on the board first with a 6-0 lead.

Jefferson extended the lead with an interception return for a touchdown. As quarterback he completed a pass to Reggie Smith for two points, which put the Vikings up 14-0.

Inkster couldn't contain the Bears long, though. They came back and scored to make it a 14-7 game. The bears were on a streak and nailed a field goal to narrow the lead 14-10.

Jefferson broadened the lead again with a touchdown pass to Peterson and the extra point failed to make it a 20-10 game.

The bears marched down the field and kicked another field goal to cut into Inkster's lead again 20-13. Penalties moved Berkley into scoring position and they tied the game at 20.

Penalties pushed the Vikings back on their last possession and forced them to go long. Unsuccessful, they turned the ball over which set up Berkley's winning field goal.

The Vikings have lost eight straight games this year and are left with only one chance to win a game this season. Tomorrow night they will play on the road against Willow Run.

Wayne Zebras wind down season, tie Belleville Tigers 3-3

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Wayne Zebras and the Belleville Tigers fought to a 3-3 tie on the soccer field Friday night, and then scuffled in the parking lot after the game.

Greg Ekmeian, Jacob Rizkallah and Marty Stano scored for the Zebras. Da'Andrea Maddox, Justin Girouard and Rizkallah had assists.

Wayne 4, Taylor Kennedy 2

Ekmeian pulled off a hat trick in the Wayne Zebras' 4-2 victory over Taylor Kennedy last Wednesday.

Kurtis Gregory scored the

other goal for Wayne and both Ekmeian and Gregory recorded assists in the win along with Jacob Rizkallah.

Head Coach Larry Brenner had to make a few adjustments before the game against Kennedy. With an injury to his starting center midfielder, he said he had to move Chad Phipps moved over from the left mid-field position.

Wayne came out sluggish and allowed Kennedy to score first in the first five minutes of the first half, Brenner said. The Zebras picked it up a notch and scored three unanswered goals to take a 3-1 halftime lead.

Kenedy bounced back to score

goal scorers again for Wayne. Gregory led with two and Ekmeian put in one for the Zebras.

Dave Wells, Bobbi Geisinger and Brandon Filipiak scored the goals for Franklin.

Wayne 1, Western 6

The previous week was a tough one for the Zebras as they fell to Western 6-1 on Oct. 8.

Wayne went down early in the first have when they allowed four goals for Western. The Zebras were awarded three penalty kicks in the second half but only Ekmeian managed to convert, Brenner said.

Western scored two more times in the second to put Wayne

away 6-1.

Wayne 0, Northville 8

The Northville Mustangs ran wild over the Zebras in an 8-0 shutout on Oct. 6. Northville scored four goals in each half.

"This is a tough conference for Wayne," said Northville Head Coach Henry Klimes. "Their kids play hard. Coach Larry Brenner has done a good job with his team. They play tough all the way through regardless of the score."

The Zebras stand with a 6-9-2 overall record for the season and will played neighboring rivals John Glenn on Tuesday, Oct. 21 in district competition.

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Chiefs win 8 straight

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Westland John Glenn Rockets and the Northville Mustangs were the latest notches on Canton Head Coach Bob Blohm's and the Chiefs' belt last week in girls' varsity basketball.

Katie Cezat led the chiefs with 25 points and 14 rebounds in the 52-27 victory over the Rockets last Tuesday night. She also recorded five blocked shots in the win. Rachele Guastella added 10 for the Chiefs.

The first half was the difference maker in the game, according to Blohm. The Chiefs scored 25 points compared to the Rocket's 10 in the first quarter and shut them out in the second quarter to take a 35-10 lead going into the half. Both teams scored 17 in the second half.

"The first quarter was the difference," Blohm said. "We didn't do a lot of scoring in the second half but everybody was able to

play. That was nice to see.

"The pace of the game was little more deliberate, a little more slower and a little more controlled for us. It was a cross over game and we were happy to get the win."

The Chiefs winning streak continued to eight with a 42-34 victory over the Northville Mustangs last Thursday.

Guastella led the team with 16 points and Sarah Samulski had a solid game and added eight for the Chiefs. Junior Evonna Kerchon scored 10 points for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs played four players in a zone defense and played Cezat one-on-one, Blohm said. They held the Chiefs leading scorer to only six points. However, she recorded 22 rebounds and blocked five shots.

"She compensated and adjusted well and had a strong game," Blohm said. "The game was a little slower the way they played defense.

"I thought they did an excellent job, but we stepped up and did what we had to do to win."

Canton outscored the Mustangs 22-17 in a close first half. Both teams scored eight in the third quarter and Canton led the fourth 12-9 to put the game away with a final score of 42-34.

Canton record increased to 11-2 overall and 8-0 in the conference after last week. The Chiefs will have to step up when they play their rivalry game against neighboring Salem (9-4, 7-0) on Tuesday and Walled Lake Western next Thursday.

The Walled Lake Western game could technically be for the

Smitherman, DeLuca lead Rockets

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The John Glenn Rockets' varsity football team blasted Livonia Stevenson in a 20-7 victory last Friday.

"We were able to run the ball effectively and got some big passes when we needed them," said John Glenn Head Coach Chuck Gordon. "Defensively, we played solid."

The Rockets were off to a quick start and scored twice in the first quarter. The first score was a 10-yard pass by junior quarterback Vinnie DeLuca to Brian Patterson with 5:31 left in the first quarter. DeLuca missed the extra point to make it a 6-0 start for the Rockets. DeLuca is still kicking for the injured Tom Hemley.

Nearly three and a half minutes later DeLuca connected with Nathan Beard for a 16-yard touchdown pass. DeLuca kicked the ball through the uprights to make it 13-0 to end the first quarter.

It wasn't until one and a half minutes into the fourth quarter when Matt Smitherman extended the Rocket's lead with a 10-yard jaunt into the end zone. DeLuca's kick was good again for a 20-0 lead.

Stevenson avoided a shutout with a 15-yard touchdown pass from Chad

Casey to Chris MacFarland to put them on the board 20-7.

The Rockets ended the game with 318 total yards. DeLuca went 8-14 for 85 yards and two touchdowns. He connected with Peterson four times for 32 yards and a score and Beard caught three for 44 yards and a touchdown.

Smitherman had another 200-yard day and added a touchdown for the Rockets. He also caught one pass for nine yards.

On defense, Gordon commended nose guard Brandon Westbrook and linebackers Jake Fairchild and Eric Chambers for solid play throughout the entire game. There were no turnovers by either

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team in the game, he said.

The 7-1 Rockets will play the 6-2 Wayne Memorial Zebras tomorrow night which could be a great gridiron rumble to end the season.

"Wayne is always a fun game," Gordon said.

"They're coming off of a tough loss and they're having a good season. It's an important game for both teams."

Wayne lost 39-7 last Friday to Walled Lake Central, a team that the Rockets beat 27-7 a week earlier.

The playoff schedule will be televised on Fox Sports Network at 6:30 on Sunday, Oct. 25.

Whalers

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Whalers to tie the game at two but the Sting answered with two goals to make it a 4-2 game. Jonas Fiedler cut the lead to 4-3 but the Sting's Drew Larman put them back up by two goals.

Whaler's Head coach Mike Velucci pulled goaltender Jeff Weber in order

to get an extra shooter on the ice. The move allowed Mitchell to score a goal with 16 seconds left in the game.

The Whalers were still down by one and the Sting was able to hang on for the win.

The Whalers are 6-4-2 for the season and will play the Belleville Bulls on Friday night and the Berrie Colts on Saturday.

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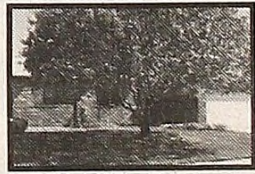
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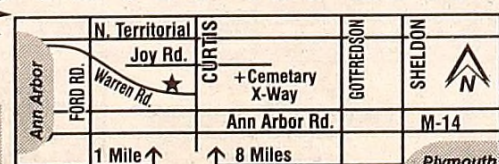
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BUSINESS

Shifting gears Woman is first vice president at American Transmission

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Annette Knorpp challenged the stereotypes of the automotive world when she was recently named vice-president in charge of operations for American Transmission in Plymouth. She is the first woman to be named vice-president in the company.

Knorpp said she believes that bringing a woman's viewpoint to the front office will be good for the company.

"I see things from a different point of view. I bring a little bit of a different perspective," she said.

Knorpp is using this fresh viewpoint to help institute changes that she said she hopes will make women feel more comfortable when they are getting their cars repaired. She added that while American Transmission treats customers the same way regardless of gen-

der, she has noticed that women often have a fear that they will be taken advantage of, which she said male customers don't usually have.

In addition, Knorpp said she would like to expand the company to include more female business owners.

"There's no reason we can't have more women in our business. It (would) make it much more female-friendly," she said.

Knorpp went on to say that the company employs plenty of women on the sales floor who have advancement potential. That is where she started out. Knorpp said that she has worked for the family owned and operated business, which her dad started, for about 10 years.

"I've kind of grown up in this business," she said.

Following her years in the retail branches of the company, she entered the corporate office, and began to work in operations, which she said involves a variety

tasks that primarily deal with the day-to-day running of the company.

"I earned the promotion," she said.

Her new position went into effect about a year ago, she said, although it has not been widely publicized.

With it, came a lot more responsibility, she said.

"Before, the buck never stopped with me," she said. She added that she still bounces ideas off of her father, and he does the same for her, before policies are put into effect.

Knorpp said she had a lot to learn in order to succeed in the office.

"It's nice. The fact that I've learned how to do (everything) is recognized," she said about her promotion.

Still, her education will not be coming to a close anytime soon.

"Every day I'm learning something new. Every day is something different," said Knorpp.



Annette Knorpp was recently named the first female vice president in charge of operations for American Transmissions in Plymouth.

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Scott Spielman
Editor

The Senior Alliance (TSA) is looking for a little help in their ongoing mission to help the elderly in southeast Michigan.

The organization, which serves adults that are more than 60 years old in 34 community in southern and western Wayne County, is hosting a fundraiser next month to generate funds – and additional interest – in their organization, according to Bill Campbell, marketing and resource development manager for TSA.

“This is our biggest fundraiser,” Campbell said.

The event starts at 6 p.m. on Nov. 14 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. There will be dinner, a silent auction, entertainment and a cash bar, Campbell said.

“It’s going to be fun,” he said. “We’ve got a 17-piece big band.”

The Monroe Big Band will perform

during the event.

The Senior Alliance is a registered 501(c)3 organization that helps older adults live independently, with dignity. They support seniors and care givers with home delivered meals, care management, prescription drug assistance.

They also provide services as varied as legal advice or representation, health screenings, as well as shopping and laundry assistance.

Campbell said there are plenty of sponsorship opportunities still available, as well as individual and group tickets. Table sponsors start as low as \$1,250, which includes room for 10 and a full page advertisement in the program. Individual tickets are \$75.

He said he’s also looking for businesses or individuals that want to donate goods or services to the silent auction.

To make a reservation, purchase a sponsorship or donate a silent auction item, call Campbell at (734) 727-2050.

Senior drivers workshop set in Canton Township

Sharon Emeigh
Staff Writer

Traffic crashes are nine times more likely to be fatal for drivers over the age of 85 according to the Michigan Office of Highway and Safety Planning.

This is not necessarily because of anything drivers do wrong, according to Joan Rich, director of mature driver programs for the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA), but because as one ages, the body’s ability to bounce back from an accident decreases. With this in mind, driver safety becomes increasingly more important as one gets older, she said.

Canton Township residents, age 55 and over, will have the opportunity to self-evaluate their driving skills at the Mature Driver Retraining Workshop Oct. 27-29. The workshop will take place at Advanced Driving Academy located at 44932 Ford Road, in the Secretary of State Plaza.

The workshop will be sponsored by TIA, a small non-profit organization located in Oakland County, Rich said.

“We try to promote traffic safety mainly through engineering, enforcement, and education,” said Rich.

Similar to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), TIA works with road commissions, researches crash data and provides traffic studies to the community upon request. However, TIA is much smaller and independent. They are supported through grants and donations from such contributors as Ford, AAA, Daimler Chrysler, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield, said Rich.

The Mature Driver Workshop is another service the TIA provides that is designed to provide drivers an evaluation of their skill level behind the wheel and to educate them about car technology that might not have been available when they were trained to drive, like anti-lock brake systems, said Rich.

Participants will be evaluated in brake reaction time, peripheral vision, depth perception, night vision, and field of view, according to April Mack, communication

specialist for the Canton Public Safety Department.

The instructors will not keep records of the scores and the outcome of the workshop will not affect the driver’s license, according to Mack.

“Reactions to the program are from one extreme to the other,” said Rich. Some students are relieved to find that they are not as bad as they thought they were and others, based on their results, have decided to give up driving altogether, she said.

“But for most of them it’s a reassuring workshop,” she added. “They find that they still have a lot of skills and they learn how to compensate.”

One of the tools used in the workshop is called the Useful Field of View (UFOV). The technology was created at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and was donated to TIA, according to Rich. The program flashes images onto a screen and the subject has to either identify or locate the image by touching the screen.

“It measures accuracy, not speed,” said Rich. “Lack of cognition is one of the biggest causes of traffic accidents.”

The technology was designed specifically to assist the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in evaluating drivers’ cognition, said Rich. Now, it is being used in other areas, she added. St. Joseph’s Mercy, on Canton Center Road, has one of the UFOV units used in recovery for stroke patients.

Overall, Rich said, that the participants in the Mature Driver Workshop are conscientious and do self-restrict.

“As people get older, everyone could use some tips on how to improve driving ability,” said Sgt. Chuck Raycraft, of the Canton Police Department. “It gives them an awareness of their abilities and if they’re losing any.”

The workshops run from May through October.

Anyone interested in a workshop or traffic studies in their area can contact Rich at 248-334-4971 for a complete schedule or call the Summit at 734-394-5485 to register for the event.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

The Charter Township of Northville is hereby giving notice that Halloween “Trick or Treat” will be held on

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

Sale of Surplus Computer and Office Equipment

On Friday, October 24, 2003, the Charter Township of Northville will hold a Garage Sale, open to the public. The surplus equipment includes Pentium computers, file cabinets, chairs, tables and other assorted office items. This sale will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Township Civic Center located at 41600 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48187.

Sue A. Hillebrand, CMC
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 2003

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Plymouth on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. At that time, candidates for the following offices will be voted on in The City of Plymouth.

CITY COMMISSIONER (FOUR POSITIONS)

PROPOSAL #1

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If you are a qualified registered voter and find it necessary to require an absent voter ballot and have not applied for one, applications are available for pickup or mailing at the front office or Clerk’s office from 8:00 a.m. until 4:40 p.m. at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI. Absent Voter ballots can be issued thru Saturday, November 1st 2003. Emergency Ballots can be issued on Monday, November 3, 2003, if the voter meets the qualifications.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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'Cool Cities'

New task force meets in Wayne

Scott Spielman
Editor

About two dozen Wayne residents and business owners packed the city council chambers Wednesday night to narrow down their definition of a "Cool City."

It was the first of a pair of meetings on the Cool Cities Initiative, proposed earlier this year by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, as a way of quantifying the attributes that attract young professionals to vibrant communities.

City Manager John Zech that the invitation to participate in the planning process was sent out to more than 250 communities throughout the State of Michigan, but only about 61 took Granholm up on the offer.

In Wayne, it was through a Cool Cities Task Force. The group of volunteers broke up into five smaller groups and each brainstormed ideas about what made a city attractive to residents.

There were many similarities in their decisions, Zech said. Features like a walkable downtown, restaurants with outdoor dining, and good schools struck chords with each of the groups. Safety, and the perception of safety, was also an issue.

Zech said the similarities themselves showed something.

"To me, it says we're all on the right track," he told the group.

Neighborhood improvement was also important, both to the residential and business commu-

nities. Many tables talked about a stricter enforcement of the anti-blight ordinance and to appeal to homeowners to clean up their houses.

"We've got to clean up the neighborhoods," said Jen Stewart, one of the members of the task force.

The focus of the first meeting was to develop ideas on what made a "cool city," according to Zech, as well as what the City of Wayne could do to help make those factors a reality.

The group got together for a second time last night to discuss ways the State of Michigan could help out smaller communities develop their ideals, but the outcome of that meeting

wasn't known at press time.

Zech said city staff would put together the comments made at the Cool Cities Task Force meetings and present them to city council on Nov. 3.

The task force has to have a final draft of its input into the state by Nov. 5, according to Zech.

After that a state level advisory group will filter through all the suggestions and then Granholm will set a date for members of the advisory group to review the input.

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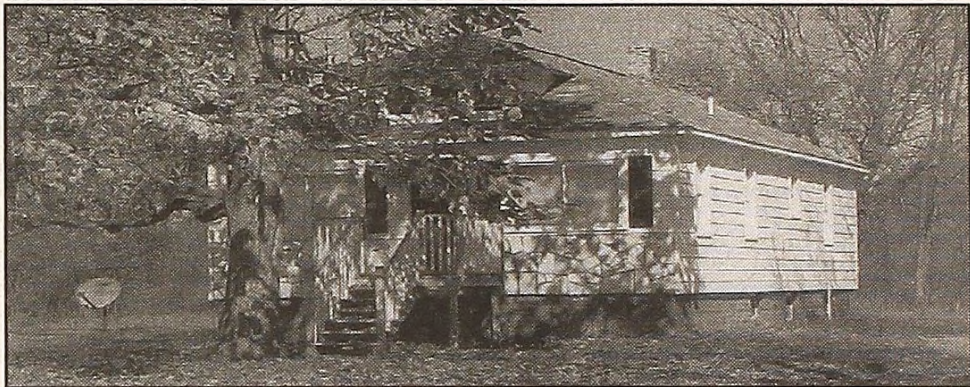
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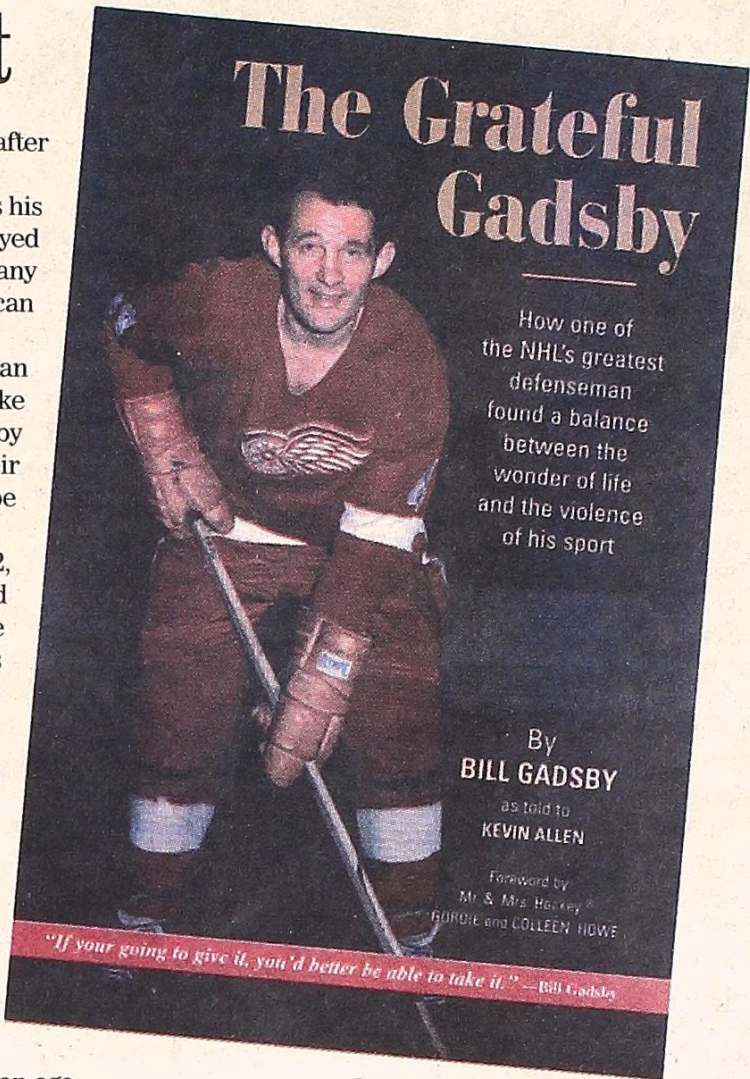
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Hockey book will score as Christmas gift

There's good news and bad news. The bad news is that Christmas decorations are prominently displayed throughout area stores. The good news is that there is at least one great gift out there for every hockey fan on any gift list. Titled *The Grateful Gadsby*, this memoir of one of the true heroes of the sport will delight anyone who's ever thought about attaching one of those Red Wing flags to the car window or wearing a team jersey to work. And probably everyone in between. While it may appear to be a hockey book, full of memories and tales of games of long ago, it's also a love story, a story of success despite nearly insurmountable odds and of a life well lived, both as a man and an athlete. When Bill Gadsby became a professional hockey player in 1946, there were only six teams in the league...imagine the competition for the few jobs as a hockey player. In his first time on the ice as a professional, the 17-year-old-kid from Canada received 12 stitches to his face. But he went right back off the bench and finished the game. He played another 1,247 games and received another 628 stitches in his 20 seasons as a defenseman. Gadsby played during the golden age of hockey when 120 players competed for the love of the game and the ultimate sports prize. Hockey was tough then, as many of the anecdotes and stories he relates in the book will certainly demonstrate—tales of players many have long forgotten, but who shaped the game for those who play today. Gadsby also recalls much of the era in which he began his career, talking about places and names from history that many only fleetingly recall. Many younger fans of the game might now recognize Gadsby's name as the man who retired as the all-time leading defenseman who scored the most points, penalty minutes and played the most games in the history of the game. He is also the man credited with causing Tim Horton to

pursue an alternate career as a doughnut magnate after Gadsby hit him so hard he came close to killing him. Gadsby is and was as much of a hockey legend as his best friend of 40 years, Gordie Howe. The men played against one another and on the same team for many seasons...and have been friends for as long as they can remember. Gadsby's unassuming recollections bring back an era when athletes were not elevated to the god-like status they are today—when not on the ice, Gadsby and Howe took jobs playing baseball to support their families. They considered themselves lucky to be paid, even part-time, for playing a game they loved. Nearly permanently disabled by polio in 1952, Gadsby went on to heights and records that stand today in the National Hockey League. And while the book tells the tale of his life as an athlete, it is also the story of a man who discovered a rich and fulfilling inner life with his wife and four daughters. Gadsby takes a pretty objective look at his business hardships, personal heartaches and exceptional achievements with an eye, constantly, to the importance of his wife and family in his life. For those looking for a real understanding of the game of hockey, how it was and perhaps how it got to be where it is today, this is an instruction manual. For anyone wondering about the real lives of professional athletes, this is an inside look at the human side of one of the real heroes of an age gone by. Recommended. (Editor's Note: Gadsby's book, *The Grateful Gadsby*, is the first publication of Immortal Investments Publishing, headquartered in Wayne. The publisher, Mike Reddy, is a retired Westland fire chief, who has long admired both Gordie Howe and Bill Gadsby. Reddy says that he felt Gadsby's story, and others to come from his publishing venture, will reward read-



with a story that moves, inspires and spotlights the best of the human spirit. The book is not available in bookstores, but is only offered directly through the publisher. Books can be ordered at www.billgadsby.com or www.immortalinvestments.com or contact the publisher at 1-800-475-2066.) Gadsby will personally autograph books, upon request.

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